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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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### NORTH DAKOTA

**(North Dakota) Dickinson Police investigating fire hydrant vandalism that released 100,000 gallons of water.** Nearly 100,000 gallons of water was allegedly released following several reports of open fire hydrants in Dickinson, North Dakota, November 16. Authorities are searching for the suspects involved and are investigating leads. <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/dickinson-police-investigating-fire-hydrant-vandalism-released-100000-gallons-water>

**(North Dakota) GM buys North Dakota grassland emissions credits.** General Motors Co. is purchasing carbon credits from North Dakota grasslands aimed at reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing 5,000 cars through a new government-backed partnership. <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/general-motors/2014/11/17/gm-buys-north-dakota-grassland-emissions-credits/19159117/>

### REGIONAL

**(Minnesota) Patients notified after unsterilized equipment.** The University of Minnesota Medical Center Colon and Rectal Clinic in Minneapolis notified 100 patients November 18 that a piece of equipment was not properly cleaned and disinfected, leaving the potential for infection after it was used. Several surgeries were delayed while authorities investigated and the hospital offered patients free infection screenings. <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/health/2014/11/18/unsterilized-equipment-at-local-clinic/19255923/>

**(Minnesota) Thieves grab \$300,000 in watches from St. Paul store.** Police are searching for a group of men who broke into the R.F. Moeller Jeweler store in the Highland Park area of St. Paul November 15 and used hammers to smash glass display cases and steal about 30 Rolex watches valued at around \$300,000. <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/11/17/watch-robbery-st-paul>

**(South Dakota) No cause yet for fire at Mitchell elevator.** Chemicals and other debris are being removed from a fertilizer and chemical storage building at a CHS Farmers Alliance grain elevator complex in Mitchell following a November 19 fire

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that destroyed the structure. The cause of the fire is under investigation and authorities reported that the air quality was being tested and there was no danger to the public.

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/crime/2014/11/20/cause-yet-fire-mitchell-elevator/19320295/>

### **NATIONAL**

**(New York) Parts of New York blanketed in nearly 3 feet of snow; stretch of Thruway closed.** A severe winter storm in the Buffalo, New York area November 18 prompted authorities to close a 105-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway Interstate 90 between Rochester to Dunkirk along with several other major highways due to hazardous road conditions. Numerous schools in the area cancelled classes while officials issued a driving ban for parts of the city.

[http://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2014/11/parts\\_of\\_new\\_york\\_blanketed\\_in.html](http://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2014/11/parts_of_new_york_blanketed_in.html)

**(National) U.S. State Department's unclassified email systems hacked.** A spokesperson for the U.S. State Department confirmed November 17 a cyberattack on the department's unclassified email systems which prompted officials to shut down portions of the system over the weekend of November 15 to improve its security. The breach was detected several weeks ago and no classified data was compromised.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/17/cybersecurity-statedept-idUSL2N0T70TJ20141117>

**(National) Obama announces amnesty for millions of 'anchor baby' parents and illegal immigrant children.** President Obama announced a plan Thursday night to mainstream millions of illegal immigrants with an executive order allowing them to stay instead of facing deportation, bringing howls from Republicans who complained about so-called 'anchor babies' helping their illegal parents remain in the U.S. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2843174/We-not-going-deport-Obama-announces-amnesty-millions-anchor-baby-parents-illegal-immigrant-children-long-ve-five-years.html#ixzz3JiQBCUev>

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## **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International) 1 dead, 3 hurt in oil platform explosion off La. coast.** An oil platform explosion at Fieldwood Energy's Echo Platform, West Delta 105, off the coast of Louisiana left 1 person dead and 3 others injured November 20. Authorities contained the explosion and continue to investigate the incident.  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/20/1-dead-3-hurt-in-oil-platform-explosion-off-la-coast/70039166/>

**(International) Governments act against webcam-snooping websites.** Authorities in the U.S. and U.K. warned users of Internet-connected webcams and other video devices to secure their devices by adding passwords and changing default passwords after Web sites broadcasting unsecured video feeds were identified online. One of the major unsecured feed sites went offline November 20 while at least one other was still available.  
<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2850833/governments-act-against-webcamsnooping-websites.html>

**(International) Iran nuclear talks extended seven months after failing to meet deadline.** Iran and six powers failed on Monday for a second time this year to resolve their 12-year stand-off over Tehran's nuclear ambitions, and gave themselves seven more months to clinch an historic deal.  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/24/us-iran-nuclear-talks-idUSKCN0J80QA20141124>

**(International) Five Israelis killed in deadly attack on Jerusalem synagogue.** Five Israelis were killed and eight more wounded in a frenzied assault by two Palestinian men on Jewish worshippers praying at a Jerusalem synagogue in the most lethal incident in the city in years. The two assailants who launched their attack with meat cleavers and a gun during early morning prayers were then killed by police officers in the ensuing gun battle at the scene of the attack.  
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/18/deadly-attack-in-jerusalem-synagogue>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(Florida)** Police search for cell phone tower copper thieves. Officials are searching for the suspects responsible for stealing more than \$100,000 worth of copper from Lee County cell phone towers over the course of three months dating back to August. <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2014-11-19/Police-search-for-cell-phone-tower-copper-thieves>

**(Washington)** Investigators probe Kennewick radio transmitter arson, offer \$10,000 reward. Authorities are searching for the suspects responsible for November 15 arson fire at a radio transmitter station in Kennewick that caused more than \$100,000 in damages, destroyed equipment, and knocked three local radio stations off the air. One station remains off air indefinitely while authorities continue to investigate the incident. Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2014/11/18/3266962/investigators-probe-kennewick.html>

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(National)** Toyota Lexus to recall some 2006-2011 models due to fuel leaks. Toyota announced that it will recall 422,509 model year 2007-2010 Lexus LS and 2006-2011 GS and IS vehicles due to the potential for fuel to leak near the fuel pressure sensor, creating a fire hazard. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/21/us-toyota-recall-lexusidUSKCN0J51O220141121>

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Tennessee)** Sheriff's office pays ransom to unlock files encrypted by **CryptoWall**. The sheriff's office in Dickson County, Tennessee, reported that its computer system was the victim of the CryptoWall ransomware in October after an employee clicked on a malicious advertisement placed on the Web site of a local radio station. The sheriff's office was forced to pay about \$500 in digital currency in order to retrieve 72,000 files that were encrypted by the ransom-demanding malware. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Sheriff-s-Office-Pays-Ransom-to-Unlock-Files-Encrypted-by-CryptoWall-464962.shtml>

## **ENERGY**

**(Ohio)** Stow man charged with cyber crimes. Authorities unsealed a federal indictment November 13 charging an Ohio man for attempting to install malware on the computer systems of Eaton Corporation while he was employed as a contracted financial analyst in May. The malicious code was discovered after the suspect disclosed its existence to a former coworker. <http://www.fbi.gov/cleveland/press-releases/2014/stow-man-charged-with-cyber-crimes>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Wisconsin)** Police: Scrap thieves cause \$100,000 damage to Madison Dairy Produce building. A vacant Land O'Lakes-owned warehouse and office building in Madison suffered an estimated \$100,000 in damage after thieves stripped metal, including copper, and stole air conditioning and heating units from the structure. [http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime\\_and\\_courts/police-scrap-thieves-cause-damage-to-madison-dairy-produce-building/article\\_d8cf0041-8ef6-5a96-a275-786c7a3ef147.html](http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/police-scrap-thieves-cause-damage-to-madison-dairy-produce-building/article_d8cf0041-8ef6-5a96-a275-786c7a3ef147.html)

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Washington)** Seattle Public Schools security breach impacts thousands of students. Seattle Public Schools notified the parents of at least 8,000 special

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education students November 13 of a November 11 security breach involving the private and personal information of their children including names, student identification numbers, and disabilities after a law firm retained by the district inadvertently sent the information to an individual involved in an ongoing case.

<http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2014/11/14/seattle-public-schools-admits-to-security-breach-impacting-thousands-of-students/19012537/>

**(Florida) Three students shot at FSU library, gunman killed by police.** Police killed a gunman who shot at officers after opening fire at the Strozier Library at Florida State University in Tallahassee November 20 injuring three students. Authorities cleared the scene after several hours and continue to investigate the incident.

<http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/Dangerous-Situation-Reported-at-FSU-283300801.html>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) Alleged creators of WireLurker malware arrested in China.**

Authorities in China arrested three individuals for allegedly creating and distributing the WireLurker malware targeting Mac OS X, iOS, and Windows devices and shut down the Web site used to distribute the malware.

<http://www.securityweek.com/alleged-creators-wirelurker-malware-arrested-china>

**(International) Majority of top 100 paid iOS, Android apps have hacked versions:**

**Report.** Arxan Technologies released their annual State of Mobile App Security report which found that there were cloned or repackaged versions of 97 percent of the top 100 paid Android apps and 87 percent for top 100 paid iOS apps, and that repackaged or cloned financial services apps existed for 95 percent of apps on Android and 70 percent in iOS, among other findings.

<http://www.securityweek.com/majority-top-100-paid-ios-android-apps-have-hacked-versions-report>

**(International) Siemens fixes critical vulnerabilities in WinCC SCADA products.**

Siemens issued patches for two vulnerabilities in its SIMATIC WinCC supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, one of which could be remotely exploited by an unauthorized attacker. The SIMATIC WinCC system is used to monitor and control industrial and infrastructure systems in chemical, food and

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beverage, oil and gas, and water and wastewater applications.

<http://www.securityweek.com/siemens-fixes-critical-vulnerabilities-wincc-scada-products>

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(Massachusetts) BWH doctor tied up in armed robbery; patient data stolen from laptop.** Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston notified approximately 1,000 patients of a potential privacy breach following the September 24 armed robbery of a doctor where thieves took a laptop and cellphone that contained patients' encrypted personal and medical information. The suspects forced the doctor to give them the pass codes after he was tied to a tree and authorities have two suspects in custody in connection to the robbery.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/27410047/brigham-womens-warning-of-privacy-breach-after-laptop-stolen>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(California) "Dangerous Device" found in truck on I-5, driver arrested.**

Authorities shut down several lanes on Interstate 5 south near the Interstate 805 merger in Del Mar Heights for 4 hours November 16 while a bomb squad disposed of an explosive device after it was discovered in the vehicle of a drunken driver during a search and arrest.

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/california/Explosive-Device-Team-Blocking-I-5-Freeway-282865111.html>

**(International) Citing snow, Amtrak suspends service from Albany to Buffalo.**

Amtrak service between Toronto and Cleveland was temporarily suspended as well as service between Albany-Rensselaer and the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area November 18 due to heavy snowfall.

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/11/citing\\_weather\\_amtrak\\_suspends\\_service\\_from\\_albany\\_to\\_buffalo.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/11/citing_weather_amtrak_suspends_service_from_albany_to_buffalo.html)

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

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## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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